

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 have been examined. Claims 1-4, 6-7, 11-28, and 31 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 32-37 have been added. Claims 5, 8-10, 29-30, 32-37 are all the claims pending in the application.

Formal matters

Applicant thanks the Examiner for accepting the drawings as filed on September 29, 2004, and for acknowledging claim to foreign priority and receipt of a certified copy of the priority document. Applicant also thanks the Examiner for reviewing and initialing the documents in the Information Disclosure Statements submitted on September 29, 2004 and November 29, 2005.

Substantive matters

Claims 1-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,504,960 to Takahashi.

Independent claims 5, 29, and 30 have each been amended to recite the feature of selectively performing a first movement or a second movement, wherein the first movement is an accompanying movement which is movement of the layout file or the image file along with the print job file, and the second movement is independent movement of the print job file. Takahashi does not disclose this feature. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 5, 29, and 30 are each patentable over Takahashi. The remaining claims are patentable based on their respective dependencies.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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